

REMARKS AND RECORD OF TELEPHONIC INTERVIEW

The Examiner has issued a restriction requirement directed to pending Claims 1-20. The Examiner alleged that the application contained claims directed to the following distinct inventions: Claims 1-8 and 17-18 (Invention I) drawn to a substrate, Claims 19-20 (Invention II) drawn to a method for manufacturing an integrated circuit and Claims 9-16 (Invention III) drawn to an integrated circuit.

The Examiner was contacted on November 28, 2005 and the restriction as between Groups I and III was discussed. The Examiner indicated that he would withdraw the restriction as between Invention I and Invention III. The Examiner's interview summary indicates that applicants' representative stated that the substrate of Claim 1 cannot be made without "reduced and dimpling of the circuit material." However, Applicants wish to clarify that the reason that Invention I and Invention III should be examined together is that Claims 1 and 9 include the same features that reduce etching and plating current density of the circuit material, thereby reducing dimpling of the circuit material within the land area(s).

Applicant's hereby elect prosecution of merged Groups I and III, including Claims 1-18, and have canceled claims 19-20 without prejudice or disclaimer. New Claims 21-22 have been added.

No additional fees should be incurred by the addition of the new Claims since the total number of Claims being prosecuted is 20 after this Amendment and the number of independent Claims is 3. However, if there are any fees incurred by this Amendment Letter, please deduct them from our Deposit Account NO. 23-0830.

Respectfully submitted,



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